

Candidate Screening

An officer screening committee will meet with officer candidates at Regional Leadership Conferences. The role of the committee is to inform all candidates of their respective duties if elected to office. Committee members will look for sincerity of the candidate, evidence of knowledge of FBLA, evidence of having the necessary time to fill the office successfully, and personal commitment. The interview will be informal. Candidates are notified through the mail as to the specific time they will be interviewed.

Candidates for state secretary must have completed, or will complete, typing/keyboarding by the end of the current school year and possess the ability to take minutes according to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. Candidates for treasurer must have completed, or will complete one year of accounting instruction by the end of the school year of their nomination.

Only active members are eligible to hold state office (both state and national membership dues paid). Candidates must have at least one full year remaining in his/her secondary business program.

Candidates must submit one copy of campaign materials/qualification sheet to the State Office by **March 1** to be approved. Candidates will bring 200 copies of qualification sheets to the SLC Registration Desk prior to the start of registration to be placed in each chapter's registration packet.

Campaigning

Regional vice president officer campaigns may officially begin at the time the first delegate assembly is adjourned at the RLC.

State officer campaigns at the SLC may officially begin upon arrival at the SLC.

Campaigning and/or campaign mailings are NOT permitted prior to the conferences.

It is ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN to distribute any type of promotional (free or purchased) campaign products at the RLC or SLC.

A candidate, his/her campaign manager, and/or the candidate's entire local chapter delegation may WEAR buttons, sashes, or other campaign items. Only the candidate's school may wear/carry campaign material or carry campaign signs. They may carry signs during the conference. The signs may include the candidate's picture, campaign slogan, etc.

Other than the qualifications sheets which are required by the state office (may include information on each side of an 8 ½ x 11" piece of paper), no other handouts, brochures, or pass-out items are permitted. No individual campaign booths will be provided. A display area will be provided for all state officer candidates at the SLC where one of their campaign brochures and campaign posters may be posted. These items must be the same as those approved by the officer screening committee and the same that are being used in the campaign. It will not be possible to hang or post any campaign materials in the hotel with the exception that the officer candidate may post campaign signs in his/her room on the windows facing the inside of the hotel.

A forum will be provided for all officer candidates at the SLC with the voting delegates and the state officer candidates. This forum will last one half (½) hour. The time and room will be announced in the SLC Program.

The time allotted for speaking by the officer candidates at the opening general session cannot exceed a total of three (3) minutes. This time may be used for a speech by the candidate, a speech by the campaign manager, a skit produced for the candidate, or a combination of the three. This rule applies for all state officers except state president. A total of five (5) minutes will be allowed for the presidential campaign speeches. Guidelines for a skit produced are as follows: the number of individuals on stage would be limited to a maximum of six with this number including the candidate and campaign manager; each person on stage must be wearing business attire; props but no costumes would be allowed.